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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 848
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to commend Cristy Charlene Cooper for
outstanding service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Cristy Charlene Cooper is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator JoAnn Graves; Cristy's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee State University, where she was highly admired by her professors and peers, Miss Cooper achieved such academic success as earning an overall grade point average of 3.49, while majoring in Criminal Justice and Criminology and minoring in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cooper remained very active on campus while attending college at ETSU; while as a distinguished member of the Student Government Association, she served as

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a senator for two years of the College of Arts and Sciences, as the Chairperson of the Food Services Committee, as a member of the 606 Allocations Committee, and the Legislative Review Committee, and as a vice-presidential candidate; and

WHEREAS, Cristy was also actively involved in the Criminal Justice Society, where she served with acumen and alacrity as President during her senior year, as Vice-President during her junior year, as well as planning and coordinating several events and functions; she also demonstrated her immense leadership abilities as the Program Coordinator of the Pre-Law Society during her senior year and as a member of the society for two years; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Cristy has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; her diligence and efficiency served as a great relief to the many demands placed on Senator Graves and her assistant, Rose Winfree, thereby earning Cristy the title of their "favorite intern"; and

WHEREAS, Cristy was very mature and serious about her duties as a legislative intern, considering each task to be of importance and deserving of her attention; such duties included, mailing literally thousands of newsletters and newspaper clippings, calming irate callers and constituents during the impending budget crisis and the proposed closing of the state parks and, most importantly, obtaining a new intern desk and computer, setting such precedence that all future interns can only hope to emulate; and

WHEREAS, this young woman was born in Weakley County on July 8, 1978; she is the daughter of proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Buckley, the granddaughter of Mrs. Doris Cooper, the late Mr. Harold Cooper, Mrs. Delores Gardiner, and the late Mr. L.C. Gardiner. Cristy is the youngest sibling of Dr. Mark A. Cooper, Keith Doster, Julie Doster, and Sabrina Cashion, and the favorite aunt of Miss Kristin Taylor Guill; and

WHEREAS, her success as a legislative intern, as an academic scholar of East Tennessee State University, and as an intelligent and beautiful person, Cristy is a source of pride not only to her family, but to her community, as well; and

WHEREAS, Cristy was one of the most diligent and conscientious interns Senator Graves and her Legislative Assistant, Rose Winfree, has ever encountered; Cristy will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Cristy served as an example of the paragon of excellence exhibited during one's legislative internship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Cristy Charlene Cooper for her outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.